Menu Pattern Requirements for the School Breakfast Program

Traditional and Enhanced (Food-based menu planning)

- 8 ounces fluid Milk as a beverage or on cereal
- ½ cup Fruit or Vegetable or full-strength (100%) Fruit or Vegetable Juice
- One serving from each of the Grains/Breads* and Meat/Meat Alternate**
 components or

Two servings from either Grains/Breads* or Meat/Meat Alternate**

- *A serving of grains/breads is 1 slice of bread, ½ cup, or 1 ounce.
- **A serving of meat is 1 ounce.
- Offer vs. serve may refuse one item from any component

NuMenus (Nutrient-based menu planning)

- Appropriate age/grade groups are selected
- Meals meet nutrient standards when averaged over the school week
- At least three menu items are offered daily
- Fluid milk as a beverage is offered daily
- Offer vs. serve may refuse one item out of the three or more required menu items









